

The House agreed to H. Res. 181, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill on July 10.

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**Late Report—VA and HUD:** The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight Friday, July 11, 1997 to file a report on a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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**Late Report—Agriculture:** The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight Monday, July 14, 1997 to file a report on a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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**Late Report—Foreign Operations:** The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight Monday, July 14, 1997 to file a report on a bill making appropriations for Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and related Programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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**Meeting Hour—Monday, July 14:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 14.

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**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, July 15:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 16.

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**National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he appointed Dr. Blanche Touhill of Missouri and Dr. Walter Massey of Georgia to the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**National Endowment for the Arts:** Message wherein he transmits his 1996 Annual Report of the National Endowment for the Arts—referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce;

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**District of Columbia Budget Request:** Message wherein he transmits the Council of the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Request Act of 1997—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H.Doc. 105–102); and

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**North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement:** Message wherein he transmits his study on the Operation and Effect of the North American Free Trade Agreement—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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**Amendments:** Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H5178.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5137–38, H5138–39, and H5155–56. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS; BUDGET ALLOCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

The Committee also approved a revised Section 602(b) budget allocation report for fiscal year 1998.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full Committee action the Energy and Water Development appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

### INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Wyden; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### REVENUE RECONCILIATION

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2014, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 14 through 19, 1997

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. 1005, Department of Defense Appropriations, 1998. Senate will